

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 14, 2003

SUBJECT: Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Consultant Selection and Hiring Practices Update

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board receive and file the update regarding the selection and hiring practices of EIR consultants.

BACKGROUND: On April 1, 2003, Agenda Item 3.24, the Board of Supervisors directed the Planning Department, County Counsel, and the Executive Office to review EIR consultant selection and hiring practices, seeking input from the Planning Commission, Building Industry Association (BIA), and environmental groups, and to submit a report back to the Board.

To date, the following progress has been made on this item:

County staff met numerous times over the past six months, including meetings with Board staff, to:

- Review and analyze the pros and cons of the current selection and hiring practice;
- Develop alternatives to the current practice, including pros and cons;
- Discuss and/or debate the alternatives, including the current practice;
- Review, analyze, and discuss the draft L.A. County MOU;
- Develop draft recommendations for Board and stakeholder review and comment;
- Develop a letter to external stakeholders outlining staff's draft recommendations and requesting their input.

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FINANCIAL DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost: \$ N/A
Current F.Y. Net County Cost: \$ N/A
Annual Net County Cost: \$ N/A

In Current Year Budget:
Budget Adjustment:
For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30
Requires 4/5 Vote

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE.

County Executive Office Signature

Burtasw Munroe

Dept's Recomm.: Policy Consent
Per Exec. Ofc.: Policy Consent

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.24 on 4/1/02 | District: All | Agenda Number:

3.1

Departmental Concurrence

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Letters, including a draft L.A. County MOU (which Riverside County staff are considering for possible use as a model), were sent to the Planning Commission, Building Industry Association, engineering firms and environmental groups for input (see Attachment A). The letter is also available for review on the Planning Department's website. Comments are due on December 5, 2003, at which time the working group will reconvene to analyze the feedback. Staff anticipates returning to the Board within 60 days with a follow-up report.